COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

VALORIA L. HUFFMAN and
PATTY L. PUGH

COMPLAINANTS

V. CASE NO. 95-405

ASHLAND EXPLORATION, INC.

ORDER

On August 1, 1995, Valoria L. Huffman and Patty L. Pugh filed a complaint with the Commission alleging that the Defendant, Ashland Exploration, Inc. ("Ashland Exploration") had refused them gas service and the Commission directed Ashland Exploration to either satisfy or answer the complaint. Ashland moved for an extension of 45 days within which to file its answer; the Commission granted the extension. Ashland Exploration's answer was filed October 25, 1995. Ashland now moves the Commission for an Order permitting discovery and allowing the service of interrogatories and request for production of documents on the Complainants.

After consideration of the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds the motion should be granted subject to the Orders set forth below.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Ashland Exploration's motion to permit discovery be and it hereby is granted.

2. Each party may, on or before November 14, 1995 serve upon the other party a request for production of documents and written interrogatories to be answered by the party served within 14 days of service.

3. Each party may, on or before December 1, 1995 serve upon the other party a supplemental request for production of documents and supplemental written interrogatories to be answered by the party served within 10 days of service.

4. Each party shall, on or before December 15, 1995 serve upon the other parties a written summary of the testimony of the witnesses which are expected to be called at the formal hearing, copies of all exhibits which will be used at that hearing, regardless of whether they are to be introduced, and all preliminary motions and objections, except objections to exhibits. All exhibits shall be appropriately marked.

5. Copies of all documents served upon any party shall be served on all other parties and simultaneously filed with the Commission.

6. A formal hearing in this matter shall be held on January 5, 1996, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 730 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky, and continuing until completed.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 3rd day of November, 1995.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:

For the Commission

Executive Director